


Global Long-term Land Surface Products from MERRA-2 at GES DISC


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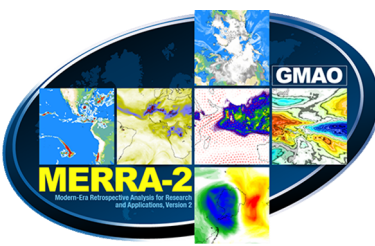
- What is MERRA-2
- View A Drought Case with MERRA-2
- List of Land Surface Data
- Overview of Data Services:
 - How to find and download data
 - Giovanni





MERRA-2:


(Modern-Era Retrospective analysis for Research and Applications, Version 2)

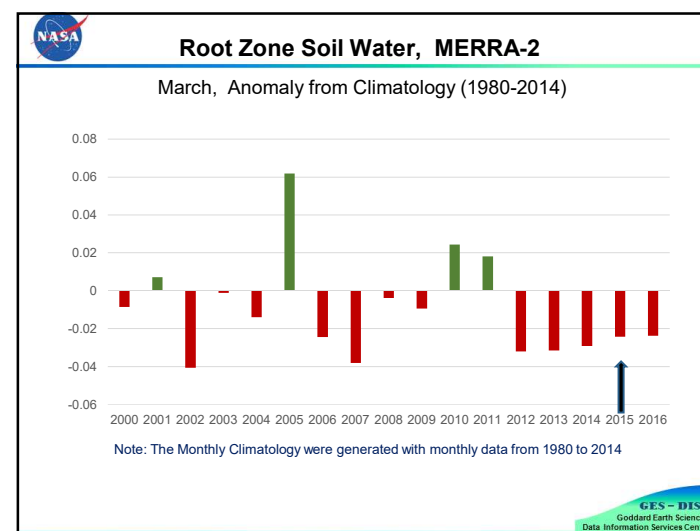


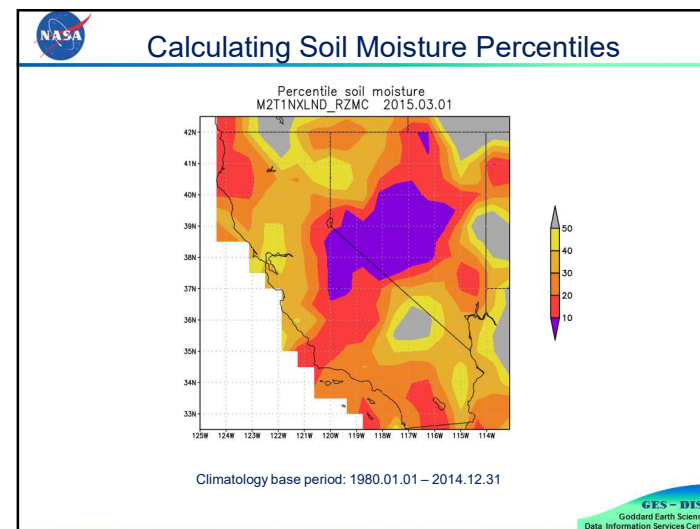
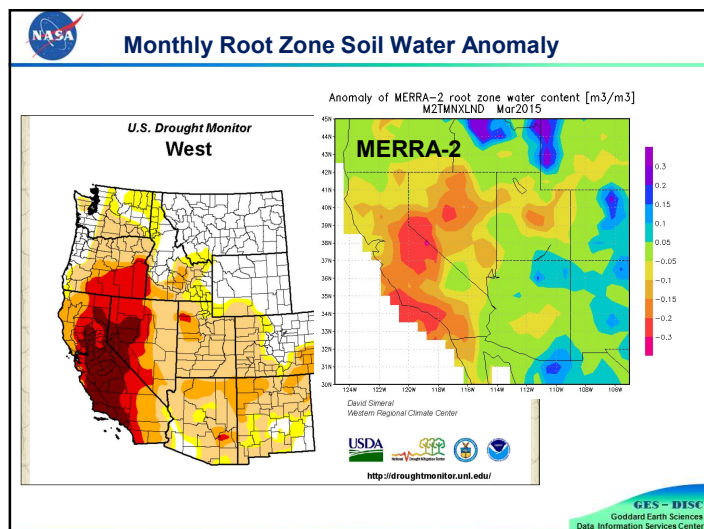
- Meteorology
- Atmospheric chemistry
- Aerosols
- Land
- Ocean

- **Model:** NASA GEOS-5
- **Temporal Coverage:** 1980-present
- **Temporal Resolution:** hourly, 3-hourly, and monthly
- **Spatial Coverage:** Global
- **Spatial Resolution:** 0.5°x0.625°
- **Data Format:** NetCDF-4

MERRA-2 logo from
<https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/reanalysis/MERRA-2/>







MERRA-2 Land Surface Data Examples

<https://gmao.gsfc.nasa.gov/pubs/docs/Bosilovich785.pdf>

- M2T1NXLND: Land Surface Diagnostics
 - water root zone, water surface layer
 - soil temperatures (layer 1-6)
 - evaporation, runoff
 - leaf area index, greenness fraction
- M2T1NXFLX: Surface Flux Diagnostics
 - bias corrected total precipitation, snowfall
 - surface specific humidity
 - surface wind speed
- M2CONXLND: Constant Land-Surface Parameters
 - Soil porosity
 - Thickness of soil (layer 1-6, root zone, surface layer, ...)

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Other Land Surface Data At GES DISC

Precipitation from satellites

- ✓ TRMM - TMPA : (1998.01 – present)
- ✓ GPM - IMERG: (2014.03 – present)

Land Surface Data Assimilation:

- ✓ NLDAS: North American Land Data Assimilation System
- ✓ GLDAS: Global Land Data Assimilation System
- ✓ FLDAS: [Famine Early Warning Systems Network \(FEWS NET\)](#) Land Data Assimilation System
- ✓ NCA-LDAS: National Climate Assessment - Land Data Assimilation System
- ✓ GRACE-DA-DM: GRACE Data Assimilation (DA) for Drought Monitor (DM)

Other Merged products

- ✓ LANDMET: Land Surface Atmospheric Boundary Interaction Product

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Data Services at GES DISC

Data downloading Services:

HTTPS: Direct access

Data Search System: Search and download

Data Subsetter: parameter and spatial subsetter

Visualization Services:

Giovanni: Online Data Visualization and Analysis

Interoperable Services:

OPeNDAP: Open-source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol

GDS: GrADS Data Server

OGC /WMS: Open Geospatial Consortium /Web Map Service

Online Help Documents:

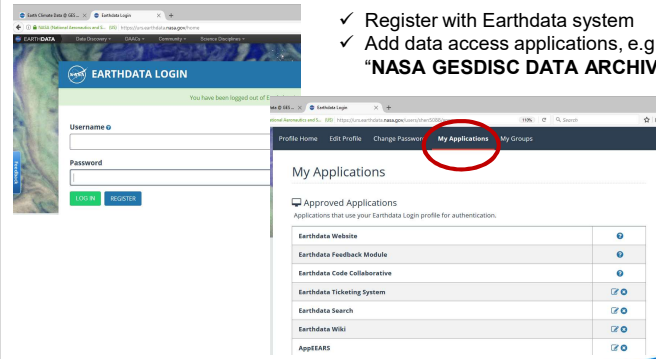
FAQ: short description of frequently asked questions

Data How-To: (Recipes) Detailed examples on How to access and work with data.

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Registration to NASA Data System

<https://urs.earthdata.nasa.gov/>

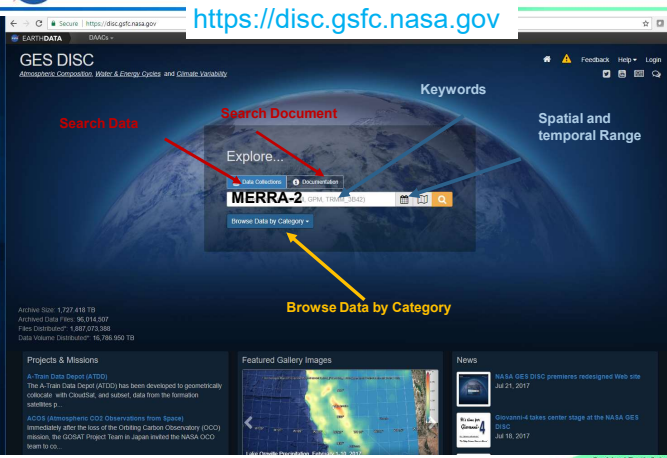


- ✓ Register with Earthdata system
- ✓ Add data access applications, e.g. "NASA GESDISC DATA ARCHIVE"

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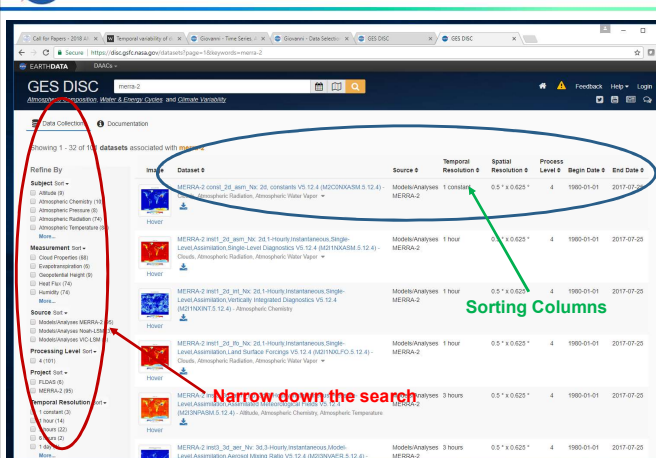
NASA GES DISC *New* Portal

<https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov>



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NASA GES DISC Product List Page



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Providing Subsetted data Service

The screenshot shows the NASA Earth Data Subset Tool interface. It includes sections for 'Data Product', 'Spatial Search' (with a map), 'Temporal Order Options', 'Parameters', and 'Additional Options'. Red arrows point to specific features: 'Spatial area' points to the map, 'Date range' points to the 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields, 'Parameters' points to the 'NOTE: Default Selection is All' section, 'Time in a day' points to the 'Time 1' and 'Time 2' dropdowns, and 'Vertical level' points to the 'Vertical Level Subset' section.

Spatial area

Date range

Parameters

Time in a day

Vertical level

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Root Zone Soil Water from MERRA-2

Example images from Giovanni

The image displays two maps of the United States, each showing the spatial distribution of root zone soil water content. The left map is titled 'March (1980-2014)' and the right map is titled 'March 2015'. Both maps use a color scale to represent soil water content, with a vertical color bar on the right of each map indicating values from 0.0 to 0.2. The maps show that soil water content is generally higher in the western and central United States and lower in the eastern United States. The 2015 map shows a more pronounced dryness in the central and eastern regions compared to the 1980-2014 average.

Generated with Giovanni

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